

## Tax Payment Deadlines

The real estate property taxes for your home or business can be paid in installments if preferred, with the first installment due by January 31 and paid to the City of Fitchburg. The second installment is due July 31, and paid to the Dane County Treasurer. After February 1, all payments (late payments and 2nd installments) should be made to the Dane County Treasurer.

Personal property taxes for your business are due in full by January 31 and paid to the City of Fitchburg.

### Prior to February 1

Pay in person or by mail – **City of Fitchburg Treasurer**, 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711. Office hours are 7:30-4:30 Monday thru Friday.

Credit Card Payments – [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) – please note, a third party convenience fee is charged for using this service (approximately 3%). Jurisdiction code is #5839.

### After February 1

Mail to Dane County Treasurer, P.O. Box 1299, Madison Wisconsin 53701-1299 or Pay in person in room 114 in the City County Building located at 210 Martin Luther King Blvd, Madison, WI 53703.

Office Hours are 7:45-4:30 Monday thru Friday.

Please review the brochure included with your tax bill for additional information related to pet licensing, lottery credit, and overpayment refunds.

## Fitchburg Announces New Interactive Website

Fitchburg is pleased to announce that it is launching its new website on February 12, 2014.

The website [www.fitchburgwi.gov](http://www.fitchburgwi.gov), has undergone an extensive re-design process by Civic-Plus, a leading government website provider.

“I am extremely pleased that the City’s website will now reflect the quality and vibrancy that Fitchburg is known for, making it easier for residents, businesses and visitors to access useful information with a few clicks of their mouse. The re-designed website will be easier to use, allow for greater user interaction and will feature online payments and registrations. Navigation will be enhanced by grouping of similar services, focused on the needs of our customer” said Mayor Shawn Pfaff.

The new website is expected to have modules that will allow ease and accessibility for:

- Online form submission
- Reporting issues, such as pot holes, graffiti and any other non-emergency activities
- Online bill payment
- Better access to City news and events

The City, working with our partner CivicPlus on this project, is looking forward to a website that will enhance community engagement and communication. CivicPlus is a leading government website provider. Watch for our new site in February 2014!

## Young Boy Gives Own Birthday Gifts to Fitchburg Seniors

This year, 9 year old Silas Oakley asked his birthday party guests to bring a gift for a Senior Citizen to his party, INSTEAD of a gift for him. On behalf of the Fitchburg Senior Center, and the clients we serve, we are so grateful for this generous donation from young Silas. The gifts that Silas brought were given to seniors in Fitchburg who are either alone for the holidays and or are in need of practical gifts. Silas’ party guests donated gift cards to local grocery stores, drug stores and a bunch of essential supplies (ie... toilet paper, lotion, and Kleenex). **Thank you, again, to Silas Oakley for being such a kind, generous and thoughtful young man.**

## 2014 Refuse & Recycling Collection Calendar

This issue of the update contains the 2014 Calendar. Please clip and save this calendar (page 11) for use throughout the year. This will be the only time that the calendar will be published; however, you can access it anytime on the city website.

## Update Makes Way for Fitchburg Star

The City of Fitchburg is bringing you some exciting news for the New Year.

This January 2014 issue of the Fitchburg Update will be the last bi-monthly publication of the Update.

Beginning in March, Unified Newspaper Group will begin publishing a monthly edition of the Fitchburg Star. This will be a joint effort between the City of Fitchburg and Unified Newspaper Group, and it was approved by the Common Council through the 2014 budget.

The Fitchburg Star debuts in March and will be mailed to all residents and businesses in the city, just as the Fitchburg Update has been. You can expect the Fitchburg Star to contain local editorial content, including information on community events, sports and other local interest topics on a monthly basis.

# FITCHBURG STAR

The city will continue to provide information important to our residents in this publication, including departmental highlights, recreation, senior and library class registration, as well as other city-specific activities and announcements.

We look forward to providing a more timely publication and hope that you support the advertisers that are so important to the success of this new chapter in bringing our community together.

*Happy New Year!*

## Stoner Prairie and FACTv Collaboration

Fitchburg Access Community Television or FACTv is known for its local programming from meetings to ribbon cuttings and beyond. But did you know that FACTv has a partnership with Stoner Prairie Elementary School? Starting last school year FACTv joined forces with the elementary school to provide video production classes for their after school programming. Students learn how to use a camera, tripod, shoot interviews, write scripts, and work in FACTv studio to produce a newscast about Stoner Prairie Elementary School. Not only do the students get to learn about video production, the school gets highlighted once a month on all the great things happening throughout the school. For FACTv, this is a great partnership with the local school. Not only do they have the chance to teach student about technology, they also get program to air on their local channel.

Stoner Prairie and FACTv started a collaboration last year. Students from Stoner Prairie Elementary create a newscast under the guidance of FACTv from the beginning of the process to the end. Starting at learning the basics about video cameras, students develop a news story, and capture footage at Stoner Prairie. Next the group of students travels to the FACTv studio to make the final story and newscast. “It is magical to watch the students navigate the process and create the beginning to the end,” Mrs. Huttner, Stoner Prairie’s Educational Technology Coordinator and partner with FACTv shared. “Watching the students in the sound studio and creating a real newscast is an experience that we would never be able to provide without the collaboration with Jeremy Crosby and the FACTv team. They are wonderful to watch guide our students and inspire them.”



Mike Pisani, Principal Stoner Prairie Elementary says, “the FACTv partnership is a great opportunity for our students and is quite unique for kids at the elementary level. Our students have demonstrated with their newscast all that can be accomplished with the right training, support, and collaboration. I have heard just how much kids like to be a part of FACTv opportunity and how they find it enjoyable, challenging, and rewarding.”

You can catch the next episode of Stoner Prairie News Update on FACTv’s Educational Channel Charter Channel 97/985, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or online at the City of Fitchburg’s website [www.fitchburgwi.gov](http://www.fitchburgwi.gov).

## City Phone Directory

City Hall - Main Line	270-4200	Administration	270-4213
Assessing	270-4235	Building Inspections	270-4240
City Clerk	270-4210	Economic Development	270-4246
FACTv	270-4225	Finance	270-4251
Fire Department - Non-emergency	278-2980	FitchRona - Non-emergency	275-7148
Human Resources	270-4211	Library	729-1760
Municipal Court	270-4224	Parks & Forestry	270-4288
Planning/Zoning	270-4258	Police - Non-emergency	270-4300
Public Works	270-4260	Recreation/Community Center	270-4285
Senior Center	270-4290	Utilities	270-4270

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## CITY CLERK - 270-4210

### Election Dates 2014

(All Election dates fall on a Tuesday)

**February 18th** Spring Primary (Oregon School Distric Board Member IV).

**April 1st** Spring Election (Offices for Judicial including Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, County Board, & School Board Races Madison Seats 6 & 7, Oregon Seats II, Verona Seat At Large).

**August 12th** Fall Partisan Primary (Partisan primary" means the primary held the 2nd Tuesday in Aug to nominate candidates to be voted for at the general election).

**November 4th** Fall General Election to elect Representatives in Congress (District 2), State Senators (Fitchburg State Senate Office 27), Representatives to the Assembly (Fitchburg Assembly Dist. 47 & 80), State Officers (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General), other than the State Superintendent and Judicial Officers and County Officers (Sheriff, Clerk of Courts) other than supervisors and county executives.

You may verify your polling location and voter registration at "My Vote Wisconsin" <https://myvote.wi.gov/> or calling City Hall 270-4200.

### A Message from the Mayor

#### Dear Neighbor:

Happy New Year! I hope the beginning of 2014 is going well.

Like most of you, I have made a few resolutions at the beginning of the new year. I have resolved, on a personal level, to continue watching what I eat and "hitting the gym" on a regular basis and to read and volunteer more. As your Mayor, I resolve to keep collaborating with our business, community and neighborhood, non-profit and religious leaders to stay committed to our economic development strategies in key gateways along North Fish Hatchery Road, Verona Road/McKee Road and Highway 14/Uptown to improve the quality of life for people from all walks of life in all parts of our City.

Another resolution I made is to continue working to make Fitchburg an even better connected community by building on our successful efforts of opening our first-ever library and splash pad park. Starting in March, the City of Fitchburg will be working jointly with Unified News to launch a new version of the Fitchburg Star. This joint effort will be a monthly newspaper that will be mailed to all residents and businesses in the City for the remainder of 2014. Details are still being worked out but restarting a community newspaper is a huge step in helping Fitchburg become even better connected.

I look forward to 2014. I am confident that we will see even more of our current businesses expand, more businesses locate and more families move to Fitchburg because of our fantastic location and commitment to high quality of life standards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [shawn.pfaff@fitchburgwi.gov](mailto:shawn.pfaff@fitchburgwi.gov) or at 270-4215.



Sincerely,  
Shawn Pfaff, Mayor

### Fitchburg Voters Will Be Seeing New Voting Equipment In 2014

New voting equipment is replacing out dated machines in all Dane County Municipalities. The public will be using the new ballot vote scanner and tabulator, the Elect DS200.

All polling places in Dane County will use the DS200 beginning with the February Primary (if a primary is required). Otherwise these will be used on April 1st for the Spring Election.

What is new with this equipment is the use of Intelligent Mark Recognition (IMR) digital-image technology to eliminate guesswork when determining a ballot mark for a candidate.

Voters will continue to cast their votes on paper ballots, but there will no longer be any broken arrows to complete. Instead, voters will mark their ballots by filling in ovals.


Once a voter has inserted a ballot into the DS200, he or she should wait to see "Thank you for voting!" appear on the screen. The "Thank you for voting!" message is confirmation that the ballot has been counted.

The City Clerk's Office provided training for the election officials on the new machines in January. These machines will be used in the February 18th election and again at the April 1st Spring Elections.



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## PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT - 270-4258

### Nine Springs (Golf Course) Park Alternative Master Plan

City staff continues to work on development of a Nine Springs Park Alternative Master Plan. In the spring of 2013, the Common Council directed staff to prepare a park alternative to be compared to the current golf course use at the Nine Springs property. After a park alternative is finalized in March, a survey will be distributed in April (in English and Spanish) to gauge public opinion on the preferred use of the Nine Springs property as a golf course or park. The Common Council will then decide on the future use of the Nine Springs property as a golf course or park after reviewing the survey results and all other relevant information.



Development of the Nine Springs Park Alternative Master Plan is a public process and all interested parties are encouraged to attend plan development meetings and provide input throughout the planning process. Thus far, the planning process has consisted of a visioning session/informational meeting, open house, two public opinion surveys, and presentations and discussions at two City Park Commission meetings.

A public meeting at which a draft park alternative will be presented and discussed has been scheduled for **7:00 p.m., February 6th, 2014, Common Council Chambers, Fitchburg City Hall**. Please see <http://bit.ly/NineSpringsMP> for further detail. Also, please keep an eye out for the public opinion survey on the preferred future use of the Nine Springs property which will be included in the April *Fitchburg Star*.

If you would like further information on the Nine Springs Park Alternative Master Plan, please contact Scott Endl at 270.4288 or [scott.endl@fitchburgwi.gov](mailto:scott.endl@fitchburgwi.gov).

Additionally, Public Health for Madison & Dane County, and the Childhood Obesity Prevention Collaborative of Dane County, are undertaking a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) on the Nine Springs Park Alternative Master Plan project. They selected this park planning project for an HIA because of the opportunity to provide pertinent health information for this decision-making process. This HIA will assess the health impacts, both positive and negative, of the different plan options that are presented to the community. A Community Advisory Committee of golf course neighbors has been created to help conduct the HIA. They are looking at how the existing golf course and the alternate park plan will potentially affect community safety, physical activity and social cohesion. Please contact Erika Cooper (Spanish speaker) at 516.2966 or [kadinakil@yahoo.com](mailto:kadinakil@yahoo.com) if you live around the golf course and are interested in assisting this committee.

If you would like further information on the Nine Springs HIA, please contact Jessica LeClair at 242.6296 or [jleclair@publichealthmdc.com](mailto:jleclair@publichealthmdc.com) or Julia Stanley at 890.6001 or [jstanley@uwhealth.org](mailto:jstanley@uwhealth.org).

### SmartCode Comes to Life...

At the northeast corner of the Syene Road and East Cheryl Parkway intersection, in the new Uptown development, is a three story apartment building that is unique in the city. It is the first building to be constructed under the City's SmartCode zoning ordinance. By summer, single family homes and row houses will be occupied joining the multi-family buildings in the same block. The location of diverse housing options in the same block is not an accident, it is by design. A few years later other blocks will be built and include shop-fronts, restaurants, service uses, offices, clinics and enhanced recreational areas. The SmartCode zoning ordinance, an optional zoning code adopted in 2010, is the only one of its kind in the state of Wisconsin.



SmartCode is a nationally recognized neo-traditional zoning code that concentrates more on how a building looks and works with what is around it, and secondarily considers land use. The code promotes a variety of land activity to assure a vibrant and vital neighborhood capable of meeting the needs of its residents, and businesses. An interconnected street network with pedestrian scaled blocks allow traffic to be better dispersed, ease of access, and to treat varied forms of mobility—walking, biking, and motor vehicles—equally. The code is also resilient, providing the capability, within set boundaries, to adjust land use to meet changing market demand. The code is neo-traditional in that it uses a form of development with a long proven history in the nation and the world. Before adoption, the code was adjusted to meet the specific factors provided in the city of Fitchburg. The code has been, and will continue to be, a living document and see adjustments to better meet the needs of its users. However, certain core principles underlie the code, and those principles guide decisions on the SmartCode. Human scale, diversity, vibrancy, resiliency, sustainability, placemaking, and equality are among some of these core principles.

SmartCode zoning may not be for everyone, but for a growing segment of the population it provides the housing option which they desire. Nationally, more and more people are moving to vibrant mixed-use areas which better fit their lifestyle choice. The SmartCode helps meet this and other market segments. Four different land owners recognized the value of working together to create a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood on nearly 400 acres that provides variety and flexibility. Continued cooperation will create a place where the building we see today is no longer unique, but is common.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 270-4246

### Grand Openings and Ribbon Cuttings Keeps City Busy

#### Fitchburg Hometown Pharmacy Celebrates

On September 13, Fitchburg Hometown Pharmacy, located at 3000 Cahill Main, Suite 114, in the Hatchery Hill Development, held their grand opening and ribbon cutting to celebrate their opening. To learn more about their services and hours, log on to [www.hometownpharmacywi.com/fitchburg/](http://www.hometownpharmacywi.com/fitchburg/) or call them at (608) 274-DRUG (3784)



#### Speed Cycling Moved into New Space



On September 25, Speed Cycling moved to their new home at 2906 Marketplace Drive in the Fitchburg Business Park. If you are training for a biking event or just enjoy year round biking, check out their website at [www.speedmadison.com](http://www.speedmadison.com) or call (608) 630-9085 for more information.

#### Red Square Flowers and European Gifts Official Ribbon Cutting

On October 4, Red Square Flowers and European Gifts hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate their opening at 5500 E. Cheryl Parkway, Suite 100 in the Agora Center located in Fitchburg Center. Their phone number is (608) 268-8200 or you can contact them via email at [info@redsquareflowers.com](mailto:info@redsquareflowers.com). Visit their website [www.redsquareflowers.com](http://www.redsquareflowers.com)



#### Kicks Unlimited Has a New Home



On October 19, Kicks Unlimited celebrated with a ribbon cutting and open house at their new location. Kicks, a martial arts school is now located in the former Larson Photography at 6111 Cottonwood Drive in the Fitchburg Commerce Park behind the PDQ on McKee Road. Jason Huett, owner and operator of Kicks, opened his first school in 2002 in Hatchery Hill. He decided it was time to find a permanent location for his expanding school and deemed 6111 Cottonwood Drive as the place. Feel free to stop by and check out his new location and learn more about his classes.

#### Tim O'Brien Homes Breaks Ground on Uptown Village

On October 25, Tim O'Brien Homes broke ground on the first of 28 homes located in the Uptown Fitchburg development. The homes are the first single family dwelling built using the new SmartCode Zoning. This unique neighborhood is called "Uptown Village". For more information on Uptown Village and Tim O'Brien Homes, log on to [www.TimOBrienHomes.com](http://www.TimOBrienHomes.com) or call (608) 661-1100.



#### Artful Escapes' Open for Business



On November 6, Artful Escapes held their official ribbon cutting and opening. Artful Escapes is a "paint and sip" concept where you can unwind with an adult beverage and learn how to paint. Artful Escapes is located in the Hatchery Hill Development. Their address is 3000 Cahill Main in Suite 214 (second level). To sign up for an event, visit their website at [www.artfulescapesmadison.com](http://www.artfulescapesmadison.com)

#### Swan Creek Apartments Phase II is Under Construction

On November 13th, Swan Creek Apartment Phase II Developer H.A. Langer and Associated broke ground on the new 95 unit apartment complex at the corner of East Cheryl Parkway and Syene Road in the Swan Creek Development. The estimated cost of the project is \$9.7 million and will open in 2014.



### Three Fitchburg Businesses Receive SBIR Awards at the Wisconsin Early Stage Symposium

Michael Zimmerman, Economic Development Director and Joyce Frey, Economic Development Specialist attended the 27th Annual Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Awards Lunch and Program that was held during the Wisconsin Early Stage Symposium on November 5 and 6th at the Monona Terrace. The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization. Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs as noted on the SBIR website.



The Economic Development Department, on behalf of the City, would like to congratulate the following Fitchburg companies for their SBIR award: Bellbrook Labs LLC, Kayo Technologies and Platypus Technology.

The Wisconsin Early Stage Symposium conference is designed to bring together investors, innovators and other stakeholders who have an interest in advancing the Wisconsin business climate.

### The Fitchburg Community and Economic Development Authority Hosts the Fitchburg Business Appreciation Luncheon

On Tuesday, November 12th, the Fitchburg Community and Economic Development Authority (CEDA) hosted their annual Fitchburg Business Appreciation luncheon at the BTC. Over 300 business, civic and community partners attended the event. After networking and having lunch, Mayor Pfaff gave a presentation that featured the activities of Fitchburg from the prior year. This year's keynote speaker was Jason Kotecki, who provided a light hearted session called "Lemonade Stand 2.0: Innovation at Any Age". His speech was to remind us as adults sometimes we take life too serious, don't laugh and play enough and that the curiosity we had as a child should not be forgotten as we can use it to spark new and creative ideas. In keeping with his theme, the venue was filled with toys; guests enjoyed the "comfort foods" from our childhood and even a lemonade stand. If you were unable to attend, you can view the video online or watch it on FACTv.



### Geiger Realtors has a New Address

Geiger Realtors has relocated to 2980 Cahill Main Suite 203. Their phone number remains the same, (608) 277-1333 and their website is [www.geigerrealtors.com](http://www.geigerrealtors.com)

### General Beverage Recognized for 80 Years in Business

At the October 8th City Council meeting, Joel Minkoff was present to receive a Mayor Proclamation, from Mayor Pfaff, recognizing General Beverage for celebrating 80 years in business. Congratulations to Dan, Joel and the staff at General Beverage for this 80 year achievement!



### Memorial United Church of Christ

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#### Special Events

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Hours of Operation

M-F: 5am-10pm Sa: 6am-8pm Su: 8am-5pm

# Fitchburg Public Library Calendar of Events



## February 2014

- Children's events
- Teen events
- Adult events
- Tech Classes (sign-up)

### Fitchburg Public Library

5530 Lacy Road  
 Fitchburg, Wisconsin  
 53711  
 Phone: 608-729-1760  
 www.fitchburglibrary.org

Hours:  
 Mon-Thurs: 9 am-9 pm  
 Fri-Sat: 10 am-6 pm  
 Sun: 1 pm-5 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Writing Contest Begins
2	3 9:30 & 11:00 am Preschool Storytime (ages 2-5)	4 11:00 am Lapsit Storytime (ages 0-2) 5:00 pm Teen Library Council	5 10:00 am Toddler Art (ages 1-3) 4:00 pm Paper Plate Crafts	6 6:00 pm Family Game Night 6:30 pm Green Thursdays Film	7	8 1:00 pm Teen Movie: Pixar Marathon
9	10 9:30 & 11:00 am Preschool Storytime (ages 2-5) 4:30 pm Teen Stop Motion Animation	11 11:00 am Lapsit Storytime (ages 0-2)	12 10:30 am Kids Dance Party (ages 1-5)	13 10:00 am Preschool Art (ages 3-5) 11:00 am Cookbook Club 6:00 pm Favorite Author: Kevin Henkes	14 11:00 am Storytime and Valentine Party (all ages)	15 3:00 pm Make Your Own (Awesome) Bookmark
16	17	18 5:00 pm Teen Craft Lab: Glass Etching 5:30 – 7:00 pm READ to a Dog (sign-up)	19 10:00 am Toddler Art (ages 1-3) 10:00 am Book Discussion 7:00 pm Mother Daughter Book Club	20 11:00 am Storytime 5:00 pm Teen Writers Group 6:00 pm Family Bingo	21 11:00 am Preschool Science 12:00 pm Friends Book Sale	22 10:00 am Friends Book Sale 3:00 pm Kids Movie
23 3:00 pm Kids Council (grades 2-5)	24	25	26	27 6:00 pm Moooooo, Cluck, Neigh!	28 10:00 am Tot Together Time	

# Senior Center Calendar of Events



## February 2014

\* Advanced Sign-up  
 => Offered Weekly

\*Meals served daily.  
 Must call 1 day in  
 advance.

270.4290  
 5510 Lacy Road  
 Fitchburg, WI 53711



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	=> 8:30 Aerobics => 9:00 Knitting Group => *9:15 Yoga => 9:45 Aerobics => 11:00 Functional Fitness => 10:00 Bridge	=> 8:30 Quilt Group => 11:00 Indoor Walk- ing (Break Away Sports)	=> 8:30 Aerobics => 9:45 Aerobics => 11:00 Functional Fitness => *12-4 Massage => 1:00 Writing Work- shop	=> 8:30 Tai Chi => Indoor Walking (Break Away Sports) => 12:30 Bingo => 1:00 Sheepshead	=> 8:30 Aerobics => 9:45 Aerobics => 10:00 Zumba Gold => 11:00 Functional Fitness => 2:00 Scrabble	1
2	3	4 1:00 500 (Cards) 1:00 Mahjong	5 1:00 Fitchburg Singers	6	7	8
9	10 10:00 Dominos	11 10:00 Rug Hooking 2:00 Men's Group	12 *9:00 Foot Care 1:00 Self Publishing Presentation	13 10:00 Caregiver Support 1:30 Book Club	14 12:40 Valentine Enter- tainment	15
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23	24 *10:30 iPad 101 10:00 Dominos	25 *10:00 Digital Photos 2:00 Active Women's Group 10:00 Rug Hooking	26 *9:00 Foot Care	27 *11:00 iPad 1:00 Mystery Book club	28 12:30 Author Entertainment	

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**Chad Sigl 270-4286 chad.sigl@fitchburgwi.gov**

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- 2. Mail-In**  
 Download a registration form from our website. (Make checks payable to: Fitchburg Recreation Dept.)  
 City of Fitchburg Recreation Department, 5520 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711
- 3. 24/7 Hour Drop-Off Box**  
 Include payment with registration form and drop off in the box located in the entry doors to City Hall.
- 4. Walk-In**  
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### Welcome to Spanish – Spanish for Preschoolers

**Ages:** 3-5  
**Location:** Community Center, Prairie View Rm  
**Fee:** \$58  
**Dates:** February 18th – April 1st  
**Day/Time:** Tuesdays, 9:30 am – 10:15 am  
**Dates:** February 19th – April 2nd  
**Day/Time:** Wednesdays, 12:30 pm – 1:15 am

### Pilates

**Dates:** March 25th – May 6th (No Class April 15th)  
**Location:** Community Center, Fitchburg Rm  
**Day/Time:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 7:50 pm  
**Fee:** \$60

### Pilates/Yoga Fusion

**Dates:** March 25th – May 6th (No Class April 15th)  
**Location:** Community Center, Fitchburg Rm  
**Day/Time:** Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 6:50 pm  
**Fee:** \$60

### Hatha Yoga

Hatha Yoga classes are held on Fridays from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm. The class is held in the Community Center. There is a daily drop-in fee of \$15 per class available.

### Zumba

Zumba classes are held on Tuesdays (5-6 pm), Thursdays (5:30-6:30 pm), and Saturdays (9:30-10:30am). Classes are held at the Community Center in the Oak Hall Rm.



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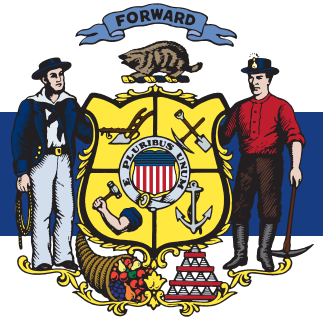


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#### Dear Neighbors in Fitchburg,

It has been my pleasure serving you, along with my colleague Representative Sony Pope, in my first year in the Assembly. My district covers the portion of Fitchburg east of Fish Hatchery Rd and north of Lacy Rd, and west of Fish Hatchery Rd and north of Whalen & Grandview Roads.

Over the past year, a wide variety of bills have come across my desk, and I've worked to reach out to the people who would be directly impacted by them. This includes asking local elected officials from Fitchburg and the other seven communities I represent for their input.

I've also reached out to you, the people, to receive your input on different bills. This fall I asked folks to complete a survey so I can better represent them, and I am using this update to share the results with you. On top of sharing the results, I am also addressing some of the main issues people raised in the survey. **If you would like to add your views, please go to my website, [kahl.assembly.wi.gov](http://kahl.assembly.wi.gov) and complete the survey there.**

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any of your thoughts, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

#### REDISTRICTING

People want to see changes to the way legislative maps are drawn in Wisconsin. On a bipartisan basis, people want to change from a system where legislators choose who may vote for them, to a system where voters choose who represents them.

I couldn't agree more, and that is why I authored Assembly Bill 185 to create a nonpartisan redistricting process in our state.

#### LOCAL CONTROL

People feel local control is vital and strongly oppose bills that take local control away. As a former Mayor, I believe that when there is an issue that needs to be addressed, local government officials are often best positioned to find the solution. I have consistently opposed legislation that weakens the ability of people to make their own decisions locally.

#### FUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT

People are not pleased with government at the federal or state levels and feel we should move beyond party politics and work toward common goals. One of the things I have done is to make a deliberate effort to reach out and ask Republican colleagues to join me in authoring bills and amendments. Likewise, I have also reached out and signed onto bills authored by members on the other side of aisle.

#### VERONA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Verona Road project will greatly improve traffic flow and safety, but there are concerns that need to be addressed prior to the project moving forward. I have met with Mayor Pfaff, city staff, businesses, residents and the Department of Transportation to raise awareness of these concerns and work for alternatives. I am continuing to work with all stakeholders to make sure every concern is heard and addressed.



#### JOB SHADOW REP. KAHL

Dozens of high school students have spent the day job shadowing me for their high school social studies classes. If your son or daughter would like to job shadow me for their class, please have them contact me.

## SURVEY RESULTS:

What Economic Development Strategies should Rep. Kahl focus on?

**66%** of you felt that I should focus on Worker Retraining Programs and Incentives for Business Growth.

Should the state remove tax dollars from public schools to fund private voucher schools?

**72%** of you are against funding private schools over public education.

What are the most important issues we need to work on in Wisconsin?

**58%** of you felt that Jobs & the Economy is the most important issue in Wisconsin.

**40%** of you felt that Education is the second most important issue in Wisconsin.

Is Wisconsin heading in the right direction?

**68%** of you feel that Wisconsin is heading in the **WRONG** direction.



Photo: Representative Kahl with Mayor Pfaff and DOT officials discussing Verona Road

## SENIOR CENTER - 270-4290

### Fitchburg Senior Center Volunteers

At the beginning of December we honored our volunteers with an appreciation gathering catered by Hy-Vee. The Fitchburg Senior Center wouldn't function without the power of volunteers! With close to 200 volunteers, the senior center is able to offer amazing services to the senior community. Our volunteers give so much of their time and effort to benefit our seniors. Thank you to our volunteers for making our Senior Center such an energetic and wonderful place to be.



### Special Thank You To

#### Karl Willman

spent over 20 years picking up and delivering bread donations from Clasen's Bakery. Karl is retiring from his long standing volunteer position. We were so lucky to have his dedication over the past two decades. Thank you Karl for all of your time and effort.

#### Hy-Vee

Thank you to Hy-Vee for their generous donation towards the Senior Center's annual Volunteer Appreciation party. Thank you for the donation and for catering such a wonderful feast!

*Thank You!*

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - 270-4260

### Nine Springs Creek Watershed Master Plan Nearly Completed

Fitchburg staff and consultants are putting the finishing touches on the Nine Springs Creek Watershed Master Plan. This Master Plan has been funded by a \$75,000 grant received from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) as well as funding by the Fitchburg Stormwater Utility. Work began in the summer of 2012 and is nearing its completion now at the beginning of 2014. The scope of the project consisted of six objectives, completed by Fitchburg staff and consultants, aimed towards producing an overall strategy of ecological and water quality improvement and protection within the Nine Springs Creek Watershed.

**The first objective** was to compile historical information on stormwater facilities in the watershed. This was completed by scanning previous reports, studies, articles, and books with information pertaining to the Nine Springs Creek Watershed. Each document was reviewed and important recommendations were summarized within the Nine Springs Creek Watershed Master Plan. In total, 32 historical plan documents were scanned and are available electronically online on the Master Plan web page at: <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/departments/cityHall/publicWorks/stormwater/NineSpringsMasterPlan.php>.

**The second objective** was to hold public involvement meetings. The first public involvement meeting was a Stakeholder Kick Off Meeting held on August 16, 2012. The meeting presented information on the Nine Springs Creek Watershed and the objectives of the Master Plan. The second meeting was held on September 26th, 2013 where Fitchburg staff and consultants presented the preliminary results and recommendations from the reconnaissance efforts and stormwater modeling of the watershed. The third public involvement meeting was held on December 12th, 2013. This final public involvement workshop consisted of several presentations about the work completed, and the new programs and recommended plans for the watershed. In addition to the three public involvement meetings and workshop, four onsite stormwater facility walk-throughs were completed at Bosshard Pond, Harlan Hills East Pond, Longford Pond, and McKee Farms Park ponds.

**The third objective** is to create a Nine Springs Creek Watershed Master Plan. The master plan report consists of a description of the watershed, summaries of previous reports and their recommendations, work completed for the watershed modeling and reconnaissance, financial recommendations, regulatory recommendations, and watershed management recommendations. A draft document can be accessed at the Master Plan web page listed above.

**The fourth objective** was to update Fitchburg stormwater mapping system. This objective was completed by first collecting and organizing as-built plans for each stormwater facility and connecting the as-built plans with Fitchburg's computerized stormwater system inventory. Onsite stormwater facility inspections were then completed to supplement any missing or incomplete data from the as-built plans.

**The fifth objective** was to make financial recommendations for the Fitchburg Stormwater Utility. Stormwater Utility rate recommendations were provided by Trilogy Consultants and the recommendations were incorporated into the Nine Springs Creek Watershed Master Plan. City staff also recommendations which provided adjustments to Stormwater Credit amounts and added categories to the Creek Supporter Form.

**The last objective** of the Nine Springs Creek Master Plan was to create a stormwater management plan for Dunn's Marsh. Stantec and MSA's provided detailed analysis of Dunn's Marsh's ecological, hydraulic, and hydrologic health. The analysis results provided recommendations which are presented within the Nine Springs Creek Watershed Master Plan.

The Nine Springs Creek Watershed Master Plan is a comprehensive and detailed watershed study, which involved work conducted by MSA Professional Services, Stantec and City staff and also involved the participation and feedback from many stakeholders and Fitchburg residents. Contact Rick Eilertson at 270-4264 or [Rick.Eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov](mailto:Rick.Eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov) for any questions.

### Organic Waste and Anaerobic Digestion

by Tony Hartmann, RCC member

Fitchburg's just completed Organics Waste Collection Pilot revealed something amazing; Fitchburgers are throwing away a lot of energy every week! Not exactly wasting, rather throwing away – in the form of food waste and other organic material. Nearly enough to fill a car's gas tank such that you'd never have to pay for transportation fuel again!



**People in the U.S. are going through a lot of food each day:**

- 2.0 lbs. of meat, dairy and eggs
- 1.5 lbs. of fruits and veggies
- 0.5 lbs. of grains
- 0.5 lbs. of added sugars, fats and oils
- 4.5 lbs = about 3,700 calories consumed/person

For every 4.5 lbs., we throw away 1.3 lbs., nearly 30%! If just 1/2 of the 36 million tons of food waste generated in the US annually was instead processed in anaerobic digesters, it would create enough electricity to power more than 2.5 million homes per year. - More than we have in all of Wisconsin!

The simplest form of organics waste recycling is composting. Home composting is a clever, earth-friendly way to go. Another option is to put all of our organic waste out by the curb (as 250 Fitchburg households did for the past 18 mos.) and have it collected and taken to the nearest anaerobic digester.

**Anaerobic Digestion** is a biological process that produces 'biogas'; about 60% methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and 40% carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). These gases are produced from organic wastes such as livestock (and human) manure, food waste, and nearly any material that rapidly decomposes when left out.

Anaerobic processes occur in nature, and more efficiently, in a controlled environment such as a biogas plant. By January 2014, Dane County will have 6 digester locations in operation: 3 in Sun Prairie (all on dairies), 1 in Waunakee/Dane, 1 in Middleton (both 'community' digesters), and 1 in Madison at Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District's complex near South Town Drive south of the Beltline. These vary in size and organic raw materials, aka 'substrate', or 'feedstock'. The Waunakee/Dane and Middleton digesters are larger and process manure from surrounding dairies (90% of their feedstock) and food/organic waste (about 10%). They were constructed in part with public funding, as they are a partial solution to harmful phosphorus runoff that ends up in our lakes, rivers, and eventually the Gulf of Mexico, where it contributes to hypoxic 'dead' zones.

The process of anaerobic digestion is executed by naturally occurring bacteria/microbes, and consists of three phases:

1. The first step is the decomposition (hydrolysis) of plant or animal matter. This step breaks down the organic material to simpler sugar molecules.
2. The second step is the conversion of the sugars to organic acids.
3. Finally, the acids are converted to methane gas and carbon dioxide.

In most digester installations biogas is burned directly for generating electricity. Other popular uses include as boiler fuel (for heat), and after separating out the CO<sub>2</sub>, as vehicle fuel – just like natural gas pumped from local pipelines and inexpensively, cleanly powering more and more vehicles around the U.S.

Geographically, we are challenged by high concentrations of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus, so the ability to even partially sort these using anaerobic digestion is especially advantageous. Also, digestion of food waste prior to and in conjunction with home composting reduces the emissions of volatile organic compounds that contribute to air pollution. So there you have it – a few more digesters in Dane County, and we could power all of our homes and vehicles without using any fossil fuels and have cleaner air to boot!

#### Resources:

- <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/features/foodtoenergy/food-waste.html>
- <http://compostingcouncil.org/factsheets-and-free-reports/>
- <http://www.energy.ca.gov/biomass/anaerobic.html>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food\\_energy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food_energy)
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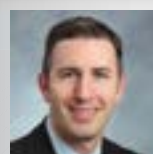
### Madison Beltline Study

Do you use the Madison Beltline to get to work, school or shop? The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) corridor study of the Beltline to identify and evaluate a range of potential strategies that address local and regional safety and mobility along the highway. WisDOT would like your input about the Beltline by participating in various public involvement activities.

To learn more, visit the study website, [www.madisonbeltline.dot.wi.gov](http://www.madisonbeltline.dot.wi.gov), or go to the study's Facebook page (WI Madison Beltline Study). The study website provides a comprehensive overview of the study, its purpose and goals. Plus, you can stay involved and informed by signing up for updates via email.

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**HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION**  
 January 6 - 10      Actual collection dates may depend on weather  
 January 21 - 24

**BRUSH COLLECTION**  
 April 7 - 11      Aug. 25 - 29  
 April 21 - 25      Sept. 15 - 19  
 May 5 - 9      Sept. 29 - Oct. 3  
 May 19 - 23      Oct. 13 - 17  
 June 2 - 6      Oct. 27 - 31  
 June 23 - 27      Nov. 17 - 21  
 July 14 - 18      Actual collection dates may depend on weather  
 Aug. 4 - 8

**YARDWASTE & BRUSH COLLECTION**  
 April 7 - 11  
 May 5 - 9  
 Oct. 27 - 31      Actual collection dates may depend on weather  
 Nov. 17 - 21

**Color coding Legend:**

- YELLOW = Recycling Week
- YELLOW with PURPLE #s = Recycling & Holiday Tree Collection
- RED #S = Brush Collection Only
- BLUE #S = Yardwaste & Brush Collection
- YELLOW with RED #s = Recycling & Brush Collection

Note: Refuse collection is weekly, recycling every other week

EXAMPLE							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Refuse & Holiday Trees
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Refuse Only
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Refuse & Recycling
21	22	23	H	*25	*26	*27	Refuse & Brush Only (w/ Wed. Holiday)
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	Refuse, Recycling & Brush
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Refuse, Yardwaste & Brush

**Holidays that affect pick up schedule (marked w/ "H")**

Jan 1, May 26, July 4, September 1, November 27, December 25  
 \*During Holiday weeks, collection is delayed 1 day after the Holiday

Place carts along driveway opening (not in street) by 6:30am on your collection day.

Place Yardwaste, Brush, and Holiday Trees at the curb by 6:30am Monday on collection weeks.

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